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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of January, 1984)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during January decreased by sixteen from the December total, according to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report. (*The December total, originally reported as 496, has been adjusted downward to 493 due to the inclusion of three vessels which had been engaged in engineering surveys rather than oil and gas exploration.) A significant portion of the decline in the number of crews working during January was due to poor weather in several operating areas.

The January total (477) represents a decrease of 3% from last month, a 5% increase over January, 1983, a 31% decrease since January, 1980, a 20% decrease from January, 1981, a 2% increase over January, 1980, a 34% increase over January, 1979, and a gain of 45% over the same month in 1978.

During January, five contractors were operating fourteen of the 390 land crews and one of the forty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

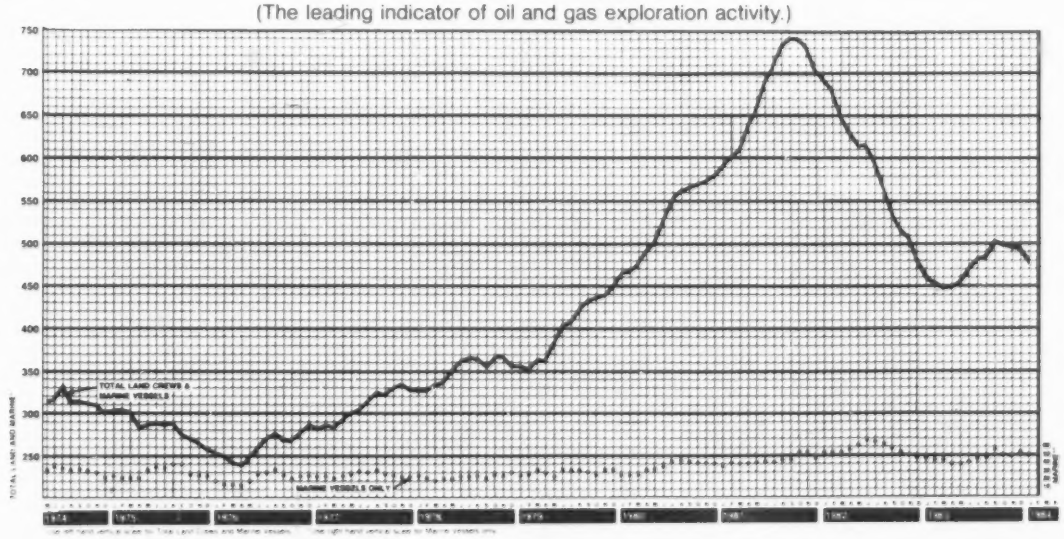
TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Jan.'83	Jan.'82	Jan.'81	Jan.'80	Jan.'79	Jan.'78
	477	493*	456	695	591	468	355	328

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978
74 Contr's:	390	408	365	599	513	400	290	267	42	41*	42	46	32	24	21	20
10 Oil Co's:	37	37	42	43	40	39	37	35	8	7	7	7	6	5	7	6
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	427	445	407	642	553	439	327	302	50	48*	49	53	38	29	28	26

*Revised figures

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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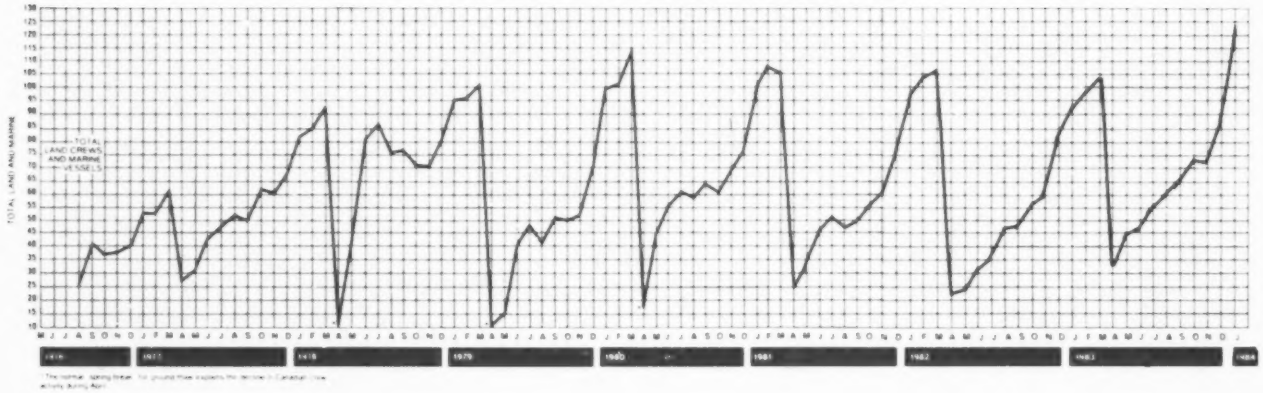
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

January, 1984 (December, 1983, figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
31 Contractors:	118 (82)	2 (4)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	121 (85)	2 (4)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
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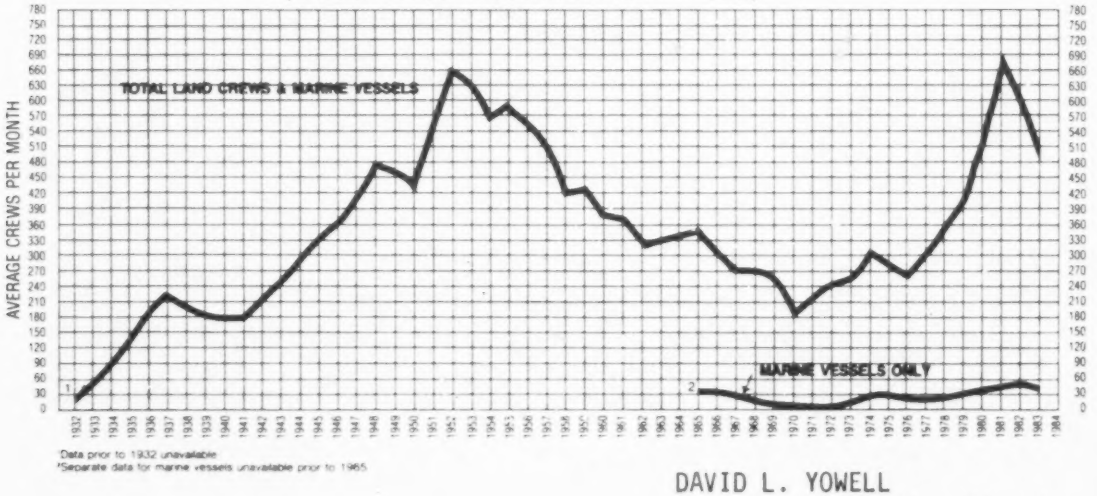
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of February, 1984)

The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during February was 486, representing an increase of nine since the January report. However, it should be noted that the increase was due to the addition of nine land crews from seven contractors not previously included in the survey.

The February total (486) represents an increase of 2% over last month, an 8% increase over February, 1983, a 28% decrease since February, 1982, a 19% decrease since February, 1981, a 4% increase over February, 1980, a 39% increase over February, 1979, and a gain of 48% over the same month in 1978.

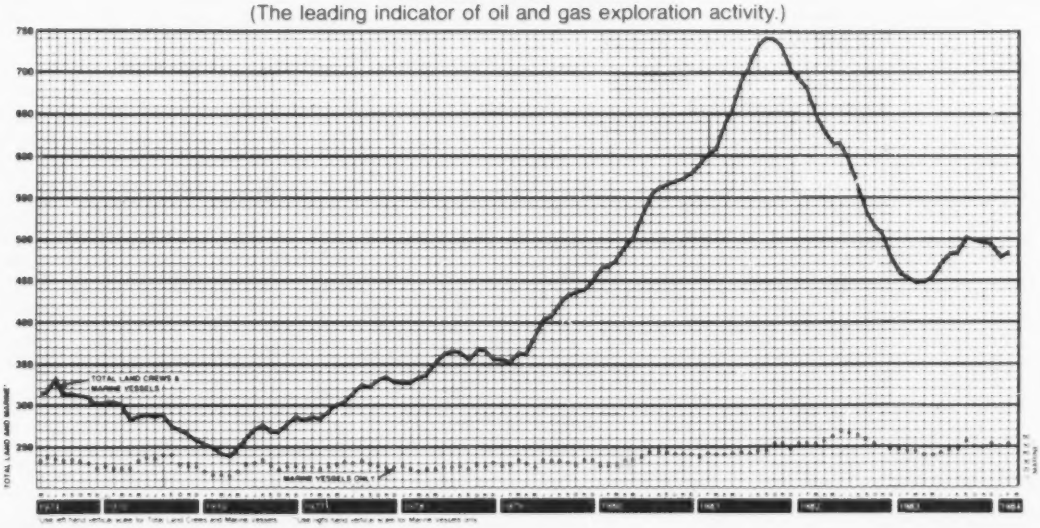
During February, six contractors were operating ten of the 396 land crews and one of the forty-five vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Feb.'83	Feb.'82	Feb.'81	Feb.'80	Feb.'79	Feb.'78
	486	477	451	678	602	469	350	328

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1978	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1978
85 Contr's:	396	390	362	582	520	401	284	270	45	42	40	46	34	24	22	18
10 Oil Co's:	37	37	42	43	41	39	37	35	8	8	7	7	7	5	7	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	433	427	404	625	561	440	321	305	53	50	47	53	41	29	29	23

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

February, 1984 (January 1983, figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
34 Contractors:	121 (118)	3 (2)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	124 (121)	3 (2)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
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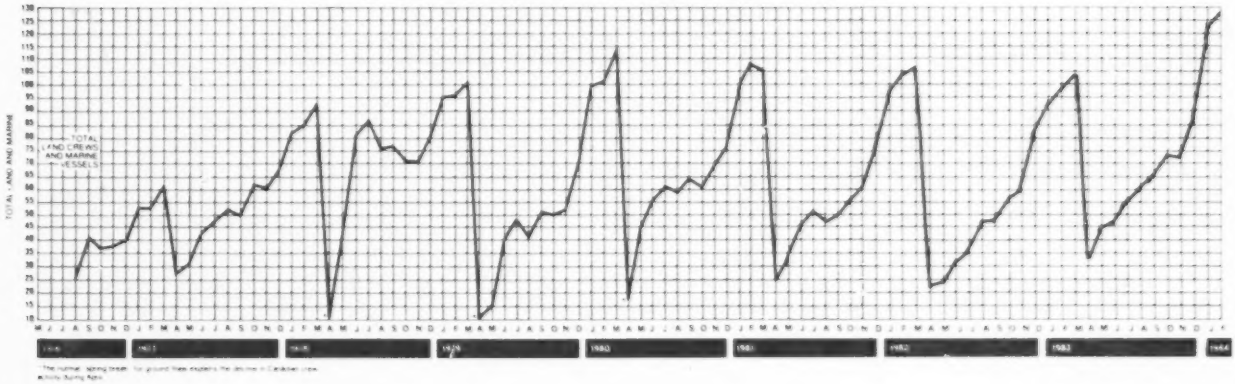

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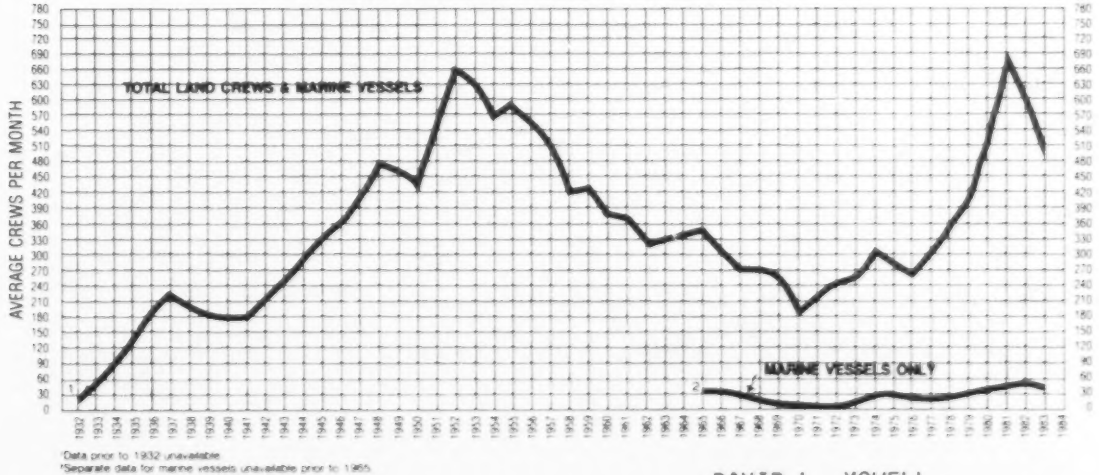

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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of March, 1984)

The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in in the U.S. and U.S. waters during March was 471, representing a decrease of fifteen from the February total, according to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report. A significant portion of the decline in the number of crews working during March was due to poor weather in several operating areas.

The March total (471) represents a decrease of 3% from last month, a 5% increase over March, 1983, a 27% decrease from March, 1982, a 23% decrease from March, 1981, a 1% decrease from March, 1980, a 29% increase over March, 1979, and a gain of 41% over the same month in 1978.

During March, nine contractors were operating sixteen of the 386 land crews and two of the thirty-nine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 471	Last Month 486	Mar.'83 447	Mar.'82 649	Mar.'81 610	Mar.'80 477	Mar.'79 364	Mar.'78 334

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1978	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1978
77 Contr's:	386	396	360	554	529	409	295	278	39	45	38	45	33	23	24	15
10 Oil Co's:	38	37	42	43	41	39	37	36	8	8	7	7	7	6	7	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals:	424	433	402	597	570	448	332	314	47	53	45	52	40	29	32	20

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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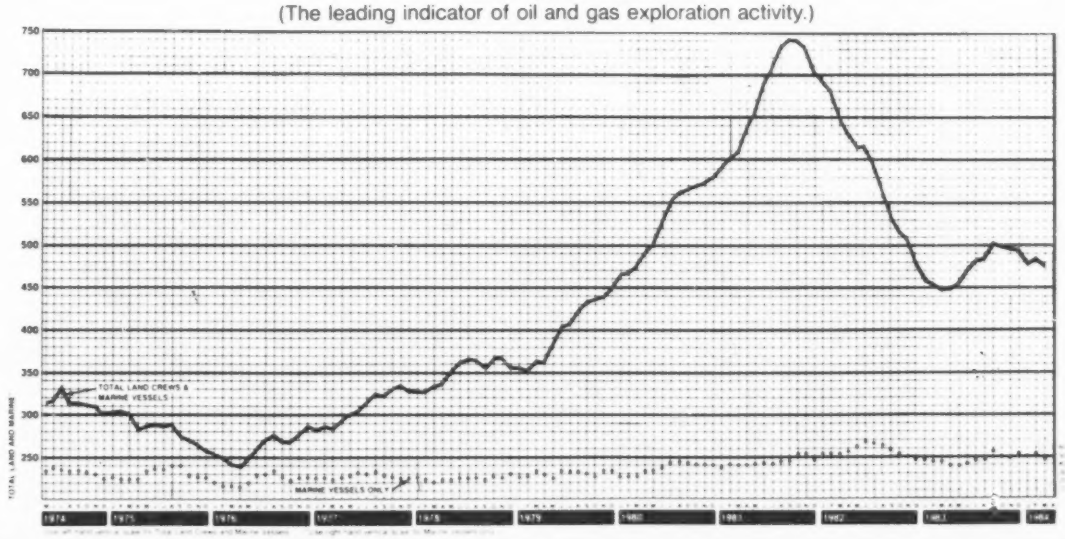

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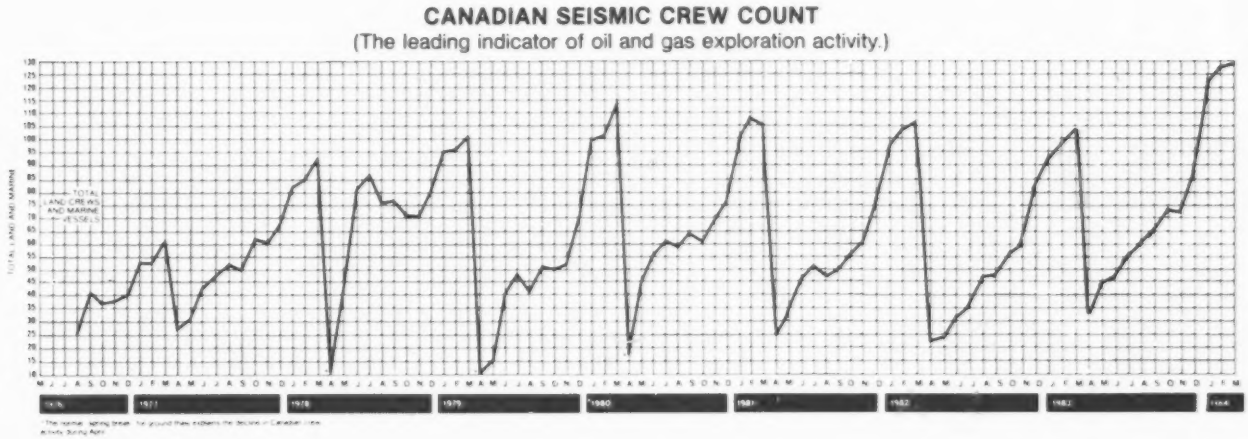
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

March, 1984 (February 1983, figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
31 Contractors:	122 (121)	4 (3)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	125 (124)	4 (3)



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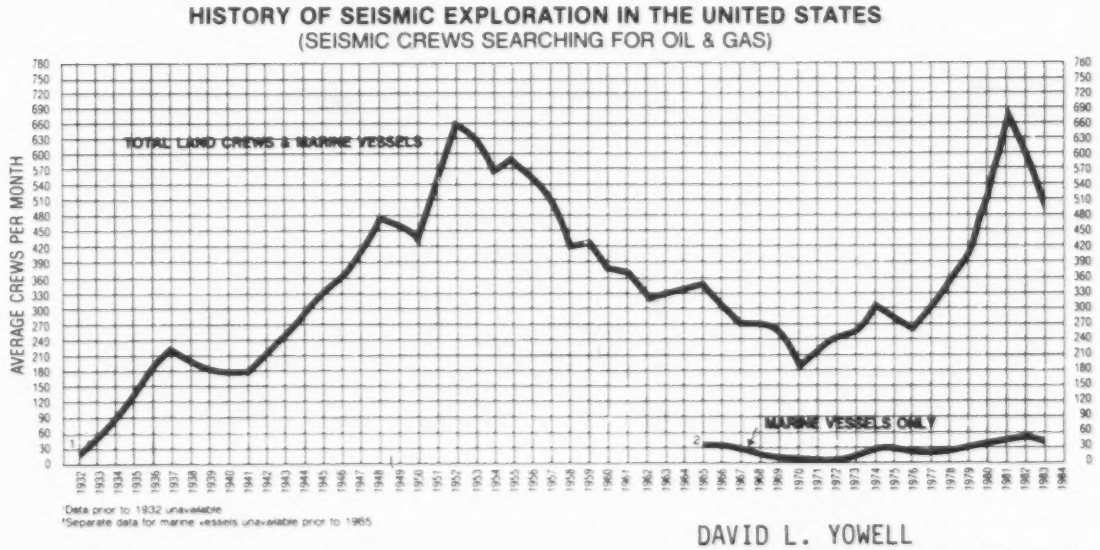
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